

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A cover plate for household devices, comprising a decorative part and a reinforcer with integrated, molded-on functional elements, where the reinforcer has the structure of a sheet or box or crate and has a closed lower side, and where the decorative part is composed of a support, of a decorative layer applied thereto, and of a heat-cured layer situated on the decorative layer and where the reinforcer is welded to the support of the decorative part.
2. (canceled)
3. (currently amended) A cover plate as claimed in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, where the decorative part also has an intermediate layer between the support and the decorative layer.
4. (currently amended) A cover plate as claimed in ~~claim 2~~ claim 1, where the support is composed of a thermoplastic.
5. (canceled)
6. A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer has the structure of a box or crate.
7. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer also has ribs.
8. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the integrated, molded-on functional element comprises a dispenser box.
9. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the integrated, molded-on functional element comprises a condensation box.
10. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the integrated, molded-on functional element has an apparatus for an integrated water duct.
11. (original) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer is composed of thermoplastic.
12. (withdrawn) A process for producing a cover plate as claimed in claim 1, which comprises firstly securing integrated, molded-on functional elements to the reinforcer and then bonding the reinforcer to the decorative part by welding.
13. (withdrawn) A method of connecting a cover plate as claimed in claim 1 to a household device, which method comprises firstly molding the integrated functional elements onto

the reinforcer, bonding the reinforcer to the decorative part, and then fastening the functional elements to the household device.

14. (canceled)
15. (withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the household device is a dryer.
16. (withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the household device is a washing machine.
17. (withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the household device is a dishwasher.
18. (withdrawn) A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein the functional elements are screw domes, clips or snap connectors.
19. (previously presented) A cover plate as claimed in claim 4, where the reinforcer is composed of the same thermoplastic as the support.
20. (previously presented) A cover plate as claimed in claim 19, where the thermoplastic is polypropylene.
21. (previously presented) A cover plate as claimed in claim 1, where the reinforcer and the support collectively form a closed box- or crate-type component.